

March 7, 1984

LB 862, 881

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 1419 of the Legislative Journal.) 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused and not voting, 4 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is declared passed. Number 881.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion on the desk. Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol would move to return LB 881 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Nichol's amendment is on page 1362 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment presented for 881 is essentially the material found in LB 889. The technical community colleges currently have statutory authority to exceed the property tax levy limit for operations by 2.2 cents where necessary to meet budget requirements under the 7 percent local political subdivision tax lid. This authority expires June 30, 1984, that is this year, six months before the 7 percent lid is due to expire currently. If the ability to exceed the tax levy limit is not extended, the Western Technical Community College area will experience approximately \$450,000 budgetary shortfall in the year 1984-85 and have to terminate at least 14 employees including instructional staff. Both LB 881 and 889 extend the authority of the technical community colleges to exceed the property tax levy limit. However, LB 881 provides only a single year extension and no additional tax amount and thus is only a short-term aid. This amendment would extend as does LB 889 the time period until 1987-88 and increases the amount to 4.2 cents above the 7 cent limit. In addition this amendment includes a population restriction which would include only western and midplains areas, the only areas which are likely to need this authority in the foreseeable future. This population limit has been added to avoid unconditionally increasing the authority for all areas